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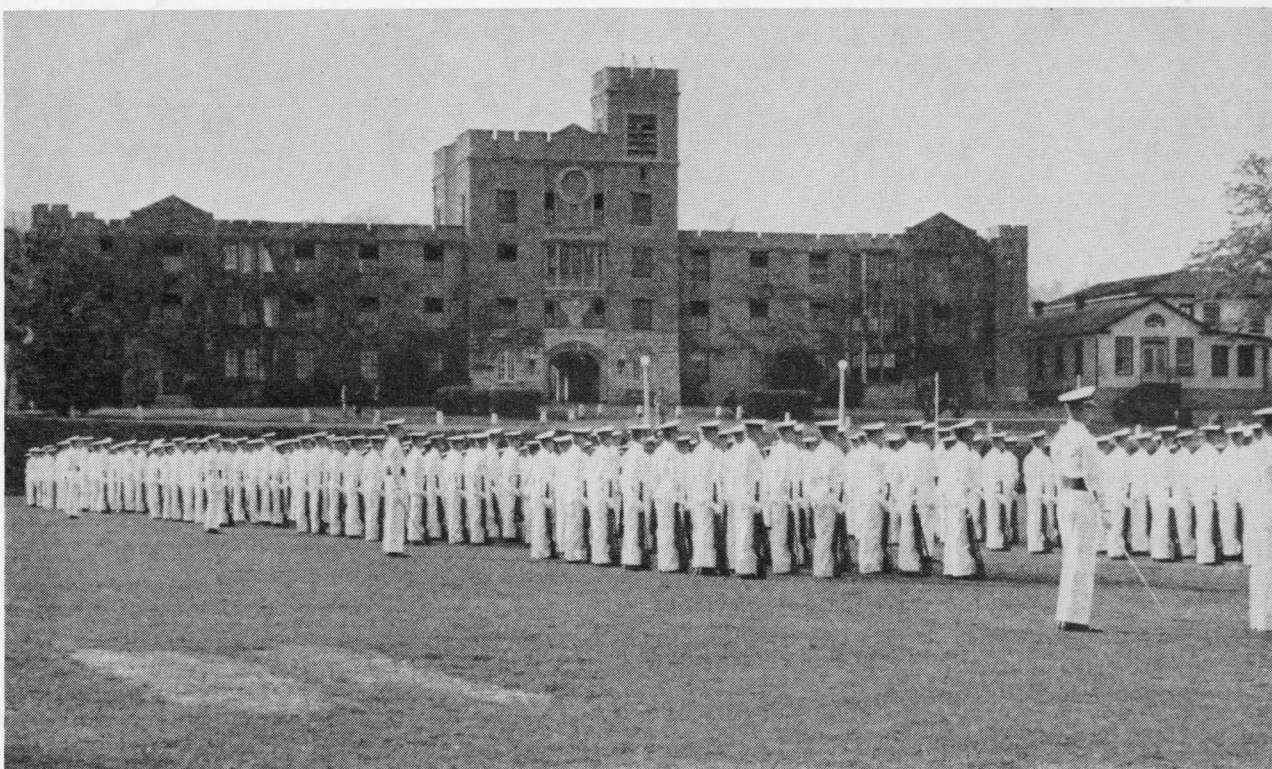
GOV'T INSPECTION APRIL 14

The Government Inspection held by officers of the U.S. 2nd Army will be conducted on the 14th of April. This inspection is one of the most talked about activities at Augusta and its importance can't be underestimated. Weeks of preparation in drill, military classrooms, and in personal appearance precede this annual occurrence which is the high-point of the military year at AMA.

Occupying the entire day, the inspection will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the arrival of the inspectors. After inspecting the military department, the officers will be shown demonstration classes in military science. Following will be a tactical demonstration on the back hill, a rigid room inspection, a full formal inspection, and a complete dress parade.

Members of AMA's Military Department have already begun preparations for this inspection which will determine whether or not AMA maintains its "Honor School" rating. Upon their return from spring vacation, the cadets of the corps will likewise begin their respective tasks concerning G.I. Short haircuts, spit-shined shoes, spotless rooms, general orders, precision drill, and all other phases of a military organization will be the major emphasis prior to April 14.

In years past, AMA has always received many compliments from the inspectors and has always received its "Honor School" rating at the top of the list of military schools. This rating owes itself to the efforts of countless cadets and the work and time needed to bring Augusta through this year with flying colors will certainly justify itself.



After a full morning of rigid inspection of all phases of military life at Augusta, the cadets perform in honor of their reviewers. The full dress parade, as well as the rest of G.I., is the highlight of the AMA military year.

90 CADETS RATE ACADEMIC HONORS IN MARCH

The Headmaster's office has announced that the following cadets have met the academic qualifications for Honor Roll and Privilege List for the marking period ending March 1.

HONOR ROLL—Upper School

Baker, J., Botcheller, Gum, Hoilman, Lee, K., Leonards, G., McCrary, McCue, Poplaski, Taylor, R., and Thomas.

PRIVILEGE LIST—Upper School

Bartlett, Bass, Beard, Berkhous, Boehmer, D., Chisick, Collins, S., Coslop, Dalton, A., DeAyora, Delaney, DeRemer, DiGioia, Dildine, Dove, Duncan, B., Dunlap, Elliott, R., Fourqurean, Gitzen, Goffe, Harpine, Harris, D. R., Hart, Steve, Hearn, Hipp, Holmes, Jones, R., Kuyken-

dall, Leonards, R., Light, T., Miller, G., Mishler, Muhler, Murdock, Myers, Nicol, H., Nordin, Nuckols, E., O'Leary, Painter, R., Pendergraft, Phillips, R. G., Phillips, T., Pickard, Rannie, Reich, Richardson, G., Schroeder, T., Sherman, Snyder, Staley, Stamm, Taylor, E., Tessada, Thompson, D., Vogel, Walker, D., Washburn, Woolworth, Wooten, Worthington and York.

HONOR ROLL—Junior School

Crawford, Marcantoni and Zeman.

PRIVILEGE LIST—Junior School

Carter, J., Collins, L., Drummond, Huffman, Dan, Huffman, David, Lynch, M., Mansfield, Raybin, P., Rowsey, Rubens, Scott, Shorter, J., Wright, J.

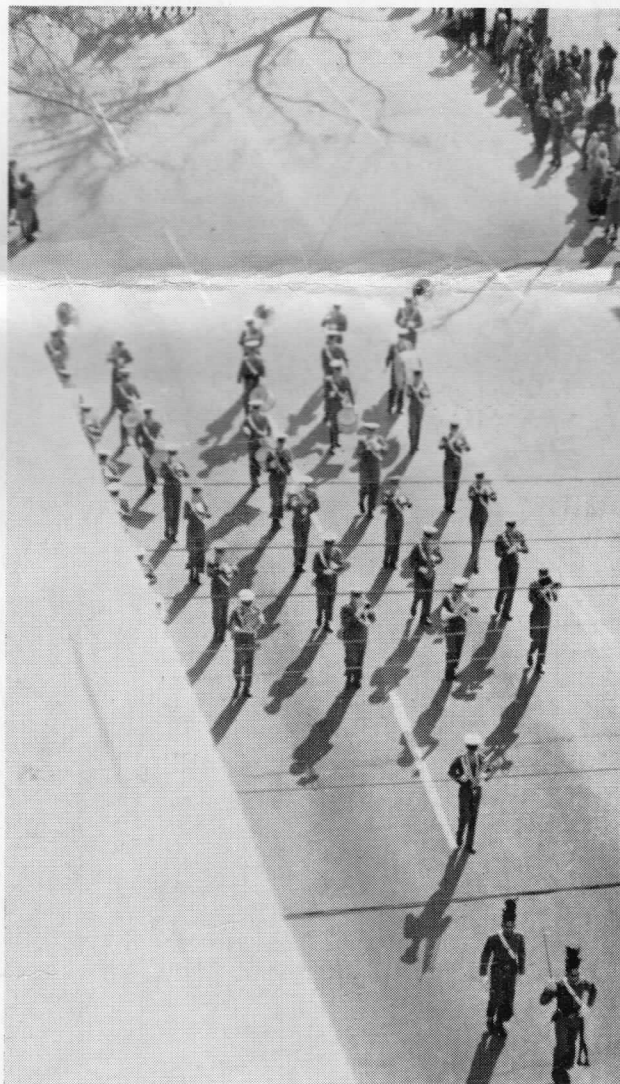
Drill Units Win Places At Alexandria Parade

If festivities and celebrations on George Washington's birthday are neglected elsewhere, they certainly aren't at Augusta. Contributing its best to the annual George Washington's Birthday Parade in Alexandria, Virginia, AMA sent its Band, Roller Rifles, and Color Guard as participants in the February 22nd event.

Leaving the school at 8:00 a.m. in order to be at the parade site in time, the cadets were treated to a dinner in Alexandria by Mr. and Mrs. Hipp and Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, parents of cadets Johnny Hipp and Jim McIntosh. After dressing, boarding the bus, and moving off to the parade area, the units moved on through the streets in the precision for which they are known throughout the state.

Then came town leave for all and if the Arctic air was cold, it only made spirits higher. For many boys the leave meant an afternoon with their parents, while for others it was a fun-filled expedition exploring the delights of the big city.

At 10:30 it was time to return to AMA and the tired, bedraggled, but still happy and high spirited cadets staggered onto the buses for a few hours of welcome sleep. It was a long day for everyone, with the Band receiving the second place trophy while the Roller Rifles had to be contented with a third.



Winning the second place trophy at the George Washington Parade in Alexandria was AMA's band, directed by Randy Rodgers. Shown here with the color guard, the band has shown continuous improvement during the year, despite changes in leadership and repertoire.

Perhaps Augusta's most consistent prize-winning team is the Rifle Team, shown here in these two pictures in a moment of relaxation. Sgt. Dillow, sponsor of the team, shows Stan Powell, a member of the "290" Club, one of the trophies the team has won. Major McCrary makes frequent trips to the rifle range, and, in this picture, is talking with Rock before he resumes firing.



Company dances are a highlight of the social year at Augusta. "Sitting one out" here with their dates are Robby Nicol at "D" company's dance and Harry West and Rex Miller at "C" company's affair.

The Editor's Corner

OF RANK AND REASON

"According to the provisions of AR 145-5 the following promotions are announced." This is a statement which is familiar to every cadet at AMA and when heard in the mess hall, it always creates an air of excitement and expectancy—"who is going to get rank this time?" And invariably, surprise and congratulations follow. But then comes the thought of "how was this man selected and why was this particular cadet selected?"

Looking behind the scenes, we also ask these same questions. How and why are cadets selected for officerships at AMA? According to the Augusta Military Academy catalog, "Advancement in the various ranks is made on the basis of scholastic records of the cadet, in academics, in military classes, military proficiency, conduct record, leadership characteristics, and, to a certain extent, on age and length of service." This would certainly seem the most reasonable and fair method of assigning positions in the cadet corps. However, looking a little further along these same lines we discover, in many cases, that there are some discrepancies along the way and we wonder why they occur. According to the prescribed standards we would expect to find officers whose records contained "White Pages" (or at the very most, only a few demerits), frequent appearances on the Honor Roll and Privilege List, and outstanding records in the way of military courtesy, leadership, and respect for authority and traditions.

Obviously enough, this is not always the case at AMA and it seems a shame that such a code of promotion is not more strictly adhered to. When looking through the records of the cadets who hold rank in the corps, we find that only 7 cadets who rank above SFC have appeared on the Honor Roll or the Privilege List this year. While perhaps this could be attributed to the fact that the officers spend so much time attending their duties that it is all but impossible for them to maintain their former high standards, a second glance will show that many of these officers have never rated academic honors while they have been at Augusta. It therefore appears that promotions occur more on a basis of personal knowledge of the individual than on his actual record and this most certainly has definite advantages. Since the promotion has become a personal matter and the record has been more or less ignored, then how do the individual's chances for rank stand now? Since his record is not as vital as presupposed, then it is a sure thing that he must become known by the people who assign rank in the first place.

How is this to be done? There are three possible ways. First, the cadets can "polish the apple" by always saying the right things, by being constantly available, and other such well-known processes. Second, the cadet can become a "goof-off" and thereby attract as much attention to himself as possible without completely ruining his reputation. And third, the cadet can simply spend so much time at AMA that he becomes known to everyone and accordingly meets the requirements for obtaining rank. It is certainly too bad that a cadet who has the goal of maintaining high grades and a good record should be refused the opportunity of leadership training simply because he will not, can not, or does not use these tactics.

Of course these circumstances constitute only a minority of cases, but that they occur at all is a factor of great concern. This especially is true when the discipline and instruction of the corps is at stake. An administration cannot expect to have military precision and discipline in the corps as a whole when its officers persistently violate policies in the mess hall and at formations, treat the Honor System with unjust flippancy, and at the same time expect their juniors and the new cadets to behave in strict accordance with all regulations. The officers are the backbone of the corps and if a bad example is set, then it most certainly will be followed—all the way down the line.

That the ability to exercise leadership is a taken-for-granted prerequisite for officership is well known and in this facet we are more than adequate. However, leadership does not necessarily imply forcing the individual through the use of threats or force because it can just as easily be exercised by a capable officer without these. Also, a leader is hardly of real value if he does not know something of where he is going and why.

Looking through the corps, we find officers of whom, while we know how they came to be chosen, we wonder where their qualifications (according to the catalog) really are. That these men can command the respective units we do not question. But that they are the best possible men for the job we can occasionally wonder.

Rank is a very serious matter in a military organization and its awarding cannot be treated lightly. As Augusta progresses, the future will undoubtedly find the requirements for sabre rank stiffening sharply. The days of the "flunky" lieutenant are fast drawing to a close. When the "pie-plates" and stripes are awarded for hard work and an attitude of willingness and helpfulness, rather than as a gift from one personal friend to another, a long step in attaining the utopian military organization will have been reached. In the meantime the corps will continue to ride as it has done in the past—following the examples of its officers. The better the example, the better the corps. Already, we have seen dramatically the effect of putting competent and capable officers at the top of the battalion. As the officers progress, so does AMA and the road ahead seems straight.

—R.H.

DID YOU NOTICE...

- ... Schlanger's trust in the honor system?
- ... the Beatles of the second stoop?
- ... who likes to lead the band?
- ... the Nutty Professor teaching algebra?
- ... how the PX can't keep a supply of peroxide?
- ... the faculty barbers?
- ... a certain teacher has his own drill team?
- ... the late breakfast hour for the basketball team?
- ... Profe's new belt?
- ... AMA's bock worm?
- ... The glacier age is coming?
- ... Bennie's new car?

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OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ALUMNI

There are several things coming up at Augusta that should be of particular interest to alumni readers.

Commencement day, 1964, will see the unveiling of the portrait of the late Gen. Chas S. Roller, Jr. Given as a memorial to the late principal, the portrait is being painted to hang in an as yet undisclosed spot at "his school." All alumni are especially invited to attend this momentous occasion. More information is on the way concerning this.

This is the first year for AMA's summer school. Augusta's summer program is modeled after the winter program without the military. Unique in this program is the inclusion of a trip to Washington, Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Nor-

folk and Richmond July 18-23. Summer school dates are June 14-July 29.

The library shelves are gradually swelling with new books, thanks in large degree to the many gifts from parents, teachers, and alumni of the school. Two recent noteworthy gifts were presented by Maj. M. E. Kivlighan. They were the Harper's Encyclopedia of Science, which he gave in memory of Maj. Charles Savedge's mother, and another book, which has not yet arrived, in memory of Col. Will Parkins' mother.

The Academy would appreciate your keeping us informed of your address and what you are doing. Mrs. Roller and all of us will be looking forward to seeing you on June 2.

Administration Attends Conventions

Col. W. L. Gardner, superintendent, and Col. M. H. Livick, administrative assistant and chairman of the Academy's Board of Trustees, were away recently attending meetings.

Col. Livick spoke to the school recently on his trip to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He was a member of the group of school officials of the area who were flown out to the Academy and given a tour of the facilities of the Academy.

While there, Col. Livick met and talked with one of AMA's outstanding graduates, Major

John Keeler, Class of '39. The most decorated man in the Air Force, Major Keeler is Director of the Office of Information at the Air Force Academy.

Col. Gardner attended the National Association of Independent Schools' convention in New York City. AMA was one of four members of the Association of Military Schools and Colleges which was represented at the New York Convention.

Col. and Mrs. Gardner and Col. and Mrs. Livick then attended the Association of Military Schools and Colleges' convention in Washington.



FIVE CADETS PASS APTITUDE TEST FOR NROTC

Five AMA cadets have successfully passed the scholastic aptitude examination for Naval ROTC scholarships. Col. W. L. Gardner, superintendent, announced recently.

The five boys who have been notified of their high national ranking are Cadet Captain Henry O. Nicol, Executive officer of the corps. He is an editor of the *Recall*, a member of the fencing team, was awarded the Distinguished Military Student Award in his junior year, and has been on the Honor Roll

for four years.

President of the Student Body and president of the Honor Committee, "Hank" plans to attend Villanova University under the Naval program.

Second winner Steve Hart is a third year cadet and has been a member of the varsity football, basketball and lacrosse teams. He has been on the Honor Roll for three years and has also been selected for Honor School Competition to the United States Naval Academy.

Randy Hoilman, AMA's third

FLOYD W. HITE

Mar. 20, 1946—Mar. 19, 1964

Joviality and love poured forth from Budda — he was beloved by the cadets of his platoon, of the corps. Everyone who met big Budda came under the spell of his warmth and affection. While yet a child, Budda came to Augusta for seventh grade work. He earned affection, respect, and friendship. He became a lieutenant and had he returned this year, the big man would have been a captain. Through one of those peculiar turns of fate, Budda couldn't make it back to AMA as a member of the corps of 1963-64; yet on his visits back "home", even the new cadets were caught up in his warmth and glow.

And now Budda can no longer laugh, smile, kid and be with us. He is at rest — and the loss, which each teacher, each old cadet, and many new cadets feel, reveals that Budda does not cease to exist. Whether lying on his bed philosophizing, or sunbathing on the back field, or leading his platoon, he implanted memories which cannot be erased. In such a short time, he gave so many of us an insight into what it means to be a truly big person. We must try to keep his big as life affection and love alive; we must try to keep that part of Budda alive permanently in ourselves.

M/Sgt. Thornton gives Kenny Eichner and Ed Muhler final instructions before 1963 G.I.

winner, is a third year cadet. He is editor-in-chief of *The Bayonet*, an editor of the *Recall*, and an Honor Roll student. Randy will attend the University of Virginia in September.

Fourth winner is John Staley, a second year cadet and a member of the *Recall* staff and an Honor Roll student who plans to attend the University of Virginia.

Fifth student David Lee will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

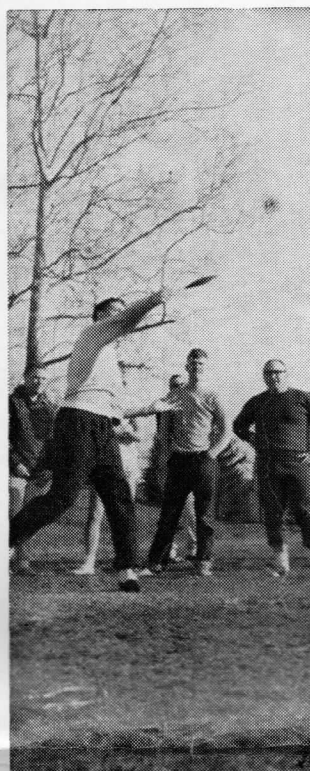


FENCING TEAM WINS AT BALTIMORE YMCA

The AMA fencing team has thus far run an almost undefeated season and has won five straight meets; the latest being against the Tri-Weapon Fencing Club of Baltimore on the loser's strips 11-2.

The team met its first loss of the two years season when they fell before the Johns Hopkins Jayvees 14-12. Fencing is without a doubt the most popular and the strongest minor sport. With several lettermen returning from last year's team the record shows that these boys' efforts have been well rewarded. Coached by Col. Hoover, the AMA fencing team has constantly improved and the turnout from the cadets shows that the interest in his sport remains at an all-time high.

Lettermen who provide most of the strength for the '64 team have been: Randy Rodgers, Lester Davis, Tom Upton, Rodger Canevet, Gordon Bennett, and P. J. Matteson.



Track Season Opens On April 8th

"Everybody's invited!" These were the words of Coach Sigler when he was interviewed about the turnout he has received for the AMA track team. The coach stated that he already has many men out who look quite promising in different events and that he believes that '64 will see one of the best track teams that has been at Augusta.

With 14 different categories in which a man may participate and a team quota of 47 men, there is a place on the team for any cadet at AMA, regardless of size or age. Getting off with a late start due to the recent inclement weather, the team still has many vacancies which need filling before the first meet at Woodbury Forest April 8.

Three different coaches are managing the track team this year, which is an important factor in assuring that all participants reach their peak ability. Coach Caperton is in charge of the 440 yd. and 880 yd. dashes, the mile relay, the 120 high hurdles, and the 280 low hurdles; Coach Irby will manage the shot put and discuss throw; and Coach Sigler is playing procter for all with emphasis on the 880 relay, and the broad jump, high jump, and pole vault.

While there have as yet been no meets to get an accurate estimate of the performance of the '64 team, the coaches are all hoping for the best—and April the 8th will tell the rest of the tale.



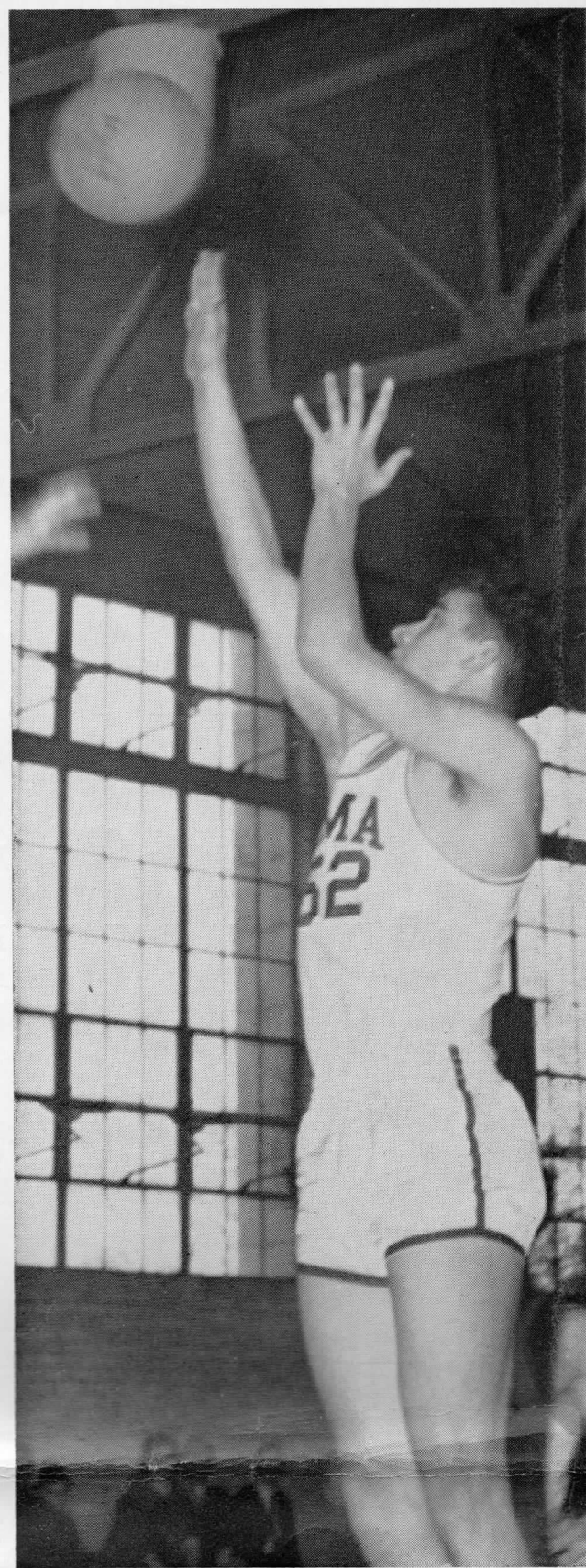
Raymo Wins State AAU Wrestling Championship

AMA's wrestlers have really been making a name for themselves in the '64 season. While the team average is far from perfect, several of the individual wrestlers have had almost perfect seasons. Butch Raymo has gone undefeated and is the Virginia AAU champion in the 157 weight class.

The team has also produced an excellent wrestler in Gary McCloskey, who won the Hargrave Military Academy tournament in the 147 weight class. Ray Smith was another man on the team who had a very excellent season.

The team scored wins against Covington, two against Fishburne, and the most important win was over the Richmond YMCA with a score of 18-17.

Considering the fact that this team was comprised almost entirely of new members, the record which they made was an impressive one indeed. Many members of this years team will be back in '65, so the prospects for next year's season seem to be without a doubt quite good.



A LOOK AT BASKETBALL

by MATT BRADBURY

As the winter sports season comes to a close, we look back on the season held by the varsity Blue Streaks in basketball. Although the 6-14 record would seem to indicate a rather mediocre team, the spirit shown by these boys more than made up for a losing season. Sparking the season with two 100 point wins against rival Fishburne, the Blue Streaks kept fighting loss after loss.

An almost literal phenomenon on the team was Pete Lampman, a former star on the E. C. Glass High School basketball team in Lynchburg. Pete broke all existing league records by scoring 43 points in a single game and by racking up an impressive total of 505 points in the season. Lampman held an overall average of 25 points per game and was followed by Tom Rannie with 15 points per game, Larry Pence, 12 points, and Frank Poplaski, 6 points per game.

Coaches Livick and Harris were quite hard-pressed by the fact that they started out with an almost "brand new" team and had to build from scratch. Considering this fact, the progress which these boys made in such a short time was remarkable indeed. As an overall average, the team scored 83 points for 20 games. Also considering the fact that almost all lettermen will be back in '65, this season can certainly be justified on the basis of the experience gained, the magnificent spirit which prevailed to the end of the season, and for the records which were set. Hats are off to the varsity Blue Streaks.

Outlook For Spring Semester Sports Sees Improvement Over Last Year

by DAVE YORK

"Tennis anyone?" Not only tennis, but baseball, track, and lacross will comprise the main sports events in the spring semester.

One of Augusta's mainstays is the baseball team coached by Captain Ralph. His forecast for this season is better than last year's. The team is strengthened by four returning lettermen, Henley Carter, captain of

the squad, Joe McCue, Jim McIntosh, and Ray Smith. Also a fine asset are AMA's pitchers, McIntosh, Wade, Lane, and a lefthander, Botcheller. This, combined with an infield consisting of Tessada, Holsinger, Carter, McCue, and Phillips, should produce a team that will be a real winner. Although the outfield is a little weak, it is strengthened by a capable player, Poplaski.

A team to watch in the near

future is the track team headed by Captain Sigler and Lieutenant Caperton. Although it is too early to tell, certain pronostications have been made. The principle people to watch are Taylor in the Mile and 440, Walker in the pole vault, and Richardson with the shotput.

"The Wall" will help the lacrosse team under Col. Hoover have a good season. With over sixty men out, AMA is bound

to show success. The team is composed mostly of new members, although there are six returning lettermen. The six are: Steve Hart and Lester Davis, co-captains of the team, Tom Webster, Kenny Eichner, Tom Upton, and Tom Hart. The attack section is led by Tom Hart, Lester Davis and Tom Webster while the defense is sparked by Tom Upton, Jack Newkirk, and Kenny Eichner. The midfield will probably

consist of Hart, Burks, Phillips, Hoskins, Thielecke and Hutcheson. The man at the goal will be Cappola, backed by Lacey, McCoy, Clad and LaVelle.

One of AMA's favorite afternoon sports in the spring is tennis. Although it is a little too early to tell, Lieutenant Willis, coach of the team, says that the people to watch this year will be Wittwer, Oviedo, Rosales and Leonards.

Cadets, Faculty, Family Honor Late Principal With Parade, Service

AMA honored its beloved late principal, General Charles S. Roller, Jr. last week-end with a parade in his honor Sunday and a memorial service Monday morning. Col. W. L. Gardner, Superintendent, spoke to the cadets and faculty in a brief assembly in honor of "The Big Boy."

"Today we are met to honor the memory of a great American. He was a father to all his cadets and faculty. Most of you cadets knew the Big Boy for a year or more and to each of you and to us he was the epitome of all the traditions and all the principles for which our school stands.

"Not in sorrow when he passed, for he deserved his rest, but we shed our tears at his going in gratitude for having known and loved such a man. To list the attributes that made him what he was would take too long, but suffice it to say that many of his faults would have been virtues in others. His heart was too big; his generosity too great; his love and loyalty too blind; his spirit of forgiveness too generous toward those who wronged him. His patriotism was unquestioned; his loyalty to friends and country unsurpassed; his love for, and his belief in his boys incomprehensible. And it is these qualities that we come today to honor our General and to pledge ourselves anew to the task of making this school, his

school, the first in the land."

Introducing Mr. Joe Kivlighan to the corps, Col. Gardner said that he was one of the General's best friends and that his message would give the boys another picture of the "Big Boy."

Mr. Kivlighan said that the General's happiest moments were when his boys yelled "Take the ball to the Big Boy" in the fury of a football game, with the General seated beneath the goal posts. "I only repeat what I have heard thousands say: 'He was our outstanding citizen of this section of the state' and this was said before and after his death.

"I don't think we are too far separated from the ones we love. I believe he is at this school daily, watching over his family, whom he dearly loved, over his faculty, and morning, noon, and night over his cadet corps.

"Yes, you have a good guardian angel. With this background, the old AMA spirit will never die."

The Rev. Louis Zbinden, minister of the Old Stone Church, gave the invocation and the closing prayer.

On Sunday, the corps of cadets honored the memory of the late General Roller with a full

formal parade. At the conclusion, Cadet First Captain Doug Brown, read the special order: "Today the corps of 1964 pays a small tribute in the way that would please our beloved principal the most—with a parade in his honor. For over 60 years General Roller coached, taught, was commandant and then principal of his school. Every boy who attended AMA from 1901 through 1963 was the recipient of his love. And still the boys of AMA gain from the General, for in his family and faculty are those qualities which so endeared him to the corps of former years. This year the General cannot say on the blacktop at "Auld Lang Syne" that 'The sun will set tonight on an empty barracks, but the memories of you boys will live on forever.' Each one of us can say, however, General, the Sun will never set on Augusta, nor on the boys who have attended, who are now attending or who will attend, for each one of us will have a part of you and your family with us for eternity.

"Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Livick, and all members of the General's family, we salute you for carrying on those traditions which we and the General loved. This parade is in memory of General Roller and in honor of his family."

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Virginia Honors Major J. D. Kramer

Major J. D. Kramer, math instructor, was honored at the University of Virginia on March 19th, upon the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Virginia High School League. The celebration was culminated at a luncheon at 12:30 in Newcomb Hall.

In a letter over the signature of William C. Pace, we quote the following: "Your service with the League in the not too distant past is appreciated and valued for the contribution made toward accomplishing what success the League program is today. We want you to know that your efforts on behalf of the League are significant in our brief 50 year history and we want to demonstrate our thanks to you for the part you have done."

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